

MT. SAVAGE REFRACTORIES OFFICE BUILDING

AL-V-A-036

Foundry Road, Mt. Savage  
early 1900's

The Mt. Savage Refractories Company acquired the business of firing bricks from the Union Mining Company during the latter half of the 19th century. The original industry dates to 1831 at which time the fire clay mineral necessary for brick production was discovered in the area. The present brick office building was constructed in the early 1900's. The eyebrow dormer found on the north side of the building is not commonly found in Allegany County.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Savage Refractories Office Building

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Foundry Road

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Savage

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☒ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☒ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mt. Savage Refractories Company

Telephone #: 264-3571

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Foundry Road

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Savage

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
Maryland 21545**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 408

Folio #: 109

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mt. Savage Refractories Office Building is located on Foundry Road in Mt. Savage, Maryland.

The block of this one story, three bay wide structure is of rectangular shape supported by a low cut rock-faced stone foundation. The walls are made of multi-shaded brick laid in stretcher bond. A brick belt course surrounds the building lying approximately four feet from the ground. There is a beveled water table. Windows in the structure include tall double hung wooden sash frames with six over one lights. The front entrance on the north side of the structure is laid behind a semi-circular brick arch, which is constructed with an alternating pattern of six rows of stretcher bond followed by six rows of header bond, etc. The door is original and contains vertical panels. The roof is hipped with replaced asphalt shingling, and features a soffit, frieze, and houndstooth trim. Also featured is an eyebrow dormer on the north side. There is one original corbeled brick chimney located to the interior of the west end.

The building is structurally sound, retains most all of its original fabric, and is in excellent condition.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mt. Savage Refractories Office Building as it presently stands was built in the early 1900's. However, the company dates back to 1831. Up until that date, fired bricks for construction had to be brought from England. In 1831, the fire clay mineral necessary to manufacture bricks was discovered on Big Savage Mt., which was approximately 1 mile west of where the plant was to be located. From that time on, Mt. Savage became known in Allegany County for its brick refractories. The Union Mining Company ran the operation for many years until the present Mt. Savage Brick Refractories Company came into existence.

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Interview with Joseph Lilly, Mt. Savage Refractories, November 23, 1976

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.18 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

10/13/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-V-A-036

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DATE: 9/20/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

2.18 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Savage Refractories Office Bldg.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: FOUNDRY ROAD, MT. SAVAGE

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTH 264-3571

NAME OF OWNER: MT. SAVAGE REFRATORIES COMPANY

ADDRESS: Foundry Rd.

Mt. Savage 21545

STORIES: 1(☒) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(☒) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
(☒) BRICK: Bond type- common English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE cut

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK ROCK FACED STONE

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(☒) 6/1  
pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: NORTH

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

Semi-circular Arch

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze

Houndstooth  
Trim

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LANGARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS # 2

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(☒)

Architrave  
Eye brow

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE( ) CORBELLED(☒) original( ) replaced( )

LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(☒)

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

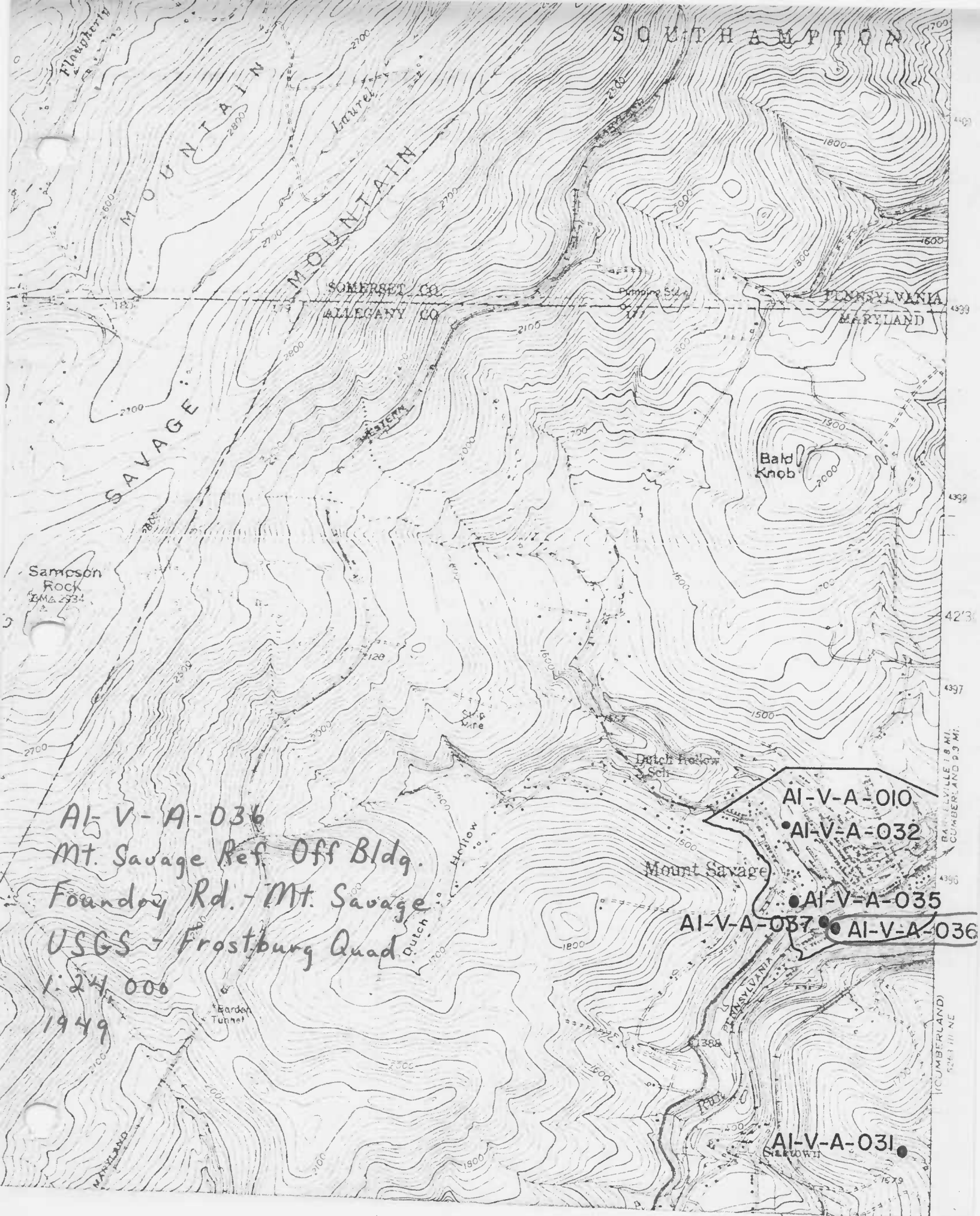
COMMENTS:

Use - office

Significance - Arch

Date Constructed - 1920

Condition - excellent







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Building

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John Nelson

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